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Applicants: Marvin L. Vestal  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a reply to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, for three months from December 8, 2003, to March 8, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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